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SECURITY INFORMATION

NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 153
11 August 1953

1. The following were present:

Mr. Clinton	State
Mr. Kain	State
Major Jacobson	Army
Capt. Norgaard	Navy
Lt. Stallings	Navy
*Lt. Madden	Navy
Lt. Col. Rush	Air Force
25X1AShelton	Air Force
	CIA (Vice-Chairman)

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*Lt. John Madden, III, Navy NIS Coordinator,
vice Lt. Stallings, effective 7 July 1953.

2. Proposed Division of Chapters IV and V on NIS 43

The State member introduced Mr. Jack W. Lydman, Division of Research for Far East, Department of State, who presented State's reasons for the proposed division of Chapters IV (Sociological) and V (Political) on NIS 43 (Indochina) into three areas, viz., Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam.

The Committee discussed the proposal at length and agreed to take the matter under study. It will be presented for further consideration at a later meeting.

3. New Areas Scheduled for FY 1954

The Vice-Chairman distributed copies of a list of new areas scheduled for FY 1954 and requested the members to determine whether any of them presented problems which might make it necessary to accord them special treatment. He pointed out that if such treatment is required for any of these areas the matter should be presented to the Committee for decision on the form to be followed by all contributors.

4. Dissemination of Gazetteers

The Vice-Chairman stated that no provision is presently made for the 25X1A7 dissemination of NIS Gazetteers 25X1A7

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furnished to these governments in the past under NIS Committee actions, but that provision for continuing such dissemination had been inadvertently left out of the IAC directive. A revision of the directive was, therefore, under consideration to provide for this dissemination. The Vice-Chairman expressed the opinion that all NIS Gazetteers should be made available to these four governments for it would be to the advantage of the U.S. if they accepted and used these standard geographic names.

// The members agreed, and the Vice-Chairman undertook to present the matter to the Secretariat, IAC.
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5. [REDACTED]

The Vice-Chairman distributed to the Committee copies of NIS Sections 44 (Manpower) [REDACTED] in accordance with the stated requirements of the members. (Refer to NIS Committee Meeting No. 149, 21 April 1953).

6. Requirements for NIS Elements on Combined Areas

The Vice-Chairman called for a report from the members as to their requirements for NIS on combined areas. (Refer to NIS Committee Meeting No. 151, 4 June 1953). The members indicated that they were not yet prepared to report on their needs, and the Vice-Chairman requested that they advise him of their requirements directly as soon as possible.

7. Comments on Questionnaire for End User Survey

The Vice-Chairman referred to the proposed questionnaire to be used in connection with the survey of user reaction to the NIS Program, and stated that as yet the only comments received with regard to a revision of the form were those submitted by the Navy member. (Refer to NIS Committee Meeting No. 151, 4 June 1953). He again urged the other agencies to submit their suggestions with respect to the proposed form as soon as possible.

The Air Force member suggested that a deadline date of 18 August be set for the submission of comments from the other members. The Committee approved this suggestion and agreed to submit their comments to D/B by that date.

In this connection, the Vice-Chairman distributed to the members copies of two questionnaires on Chapter VII (Scientific), received from the Scientific Estimates Committee. The members were requested to consider the SEC views in proposed revisions of the questionnaire.

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8. Urban Area Studies

The Vice-Chairman called for a report from the Army member on the capabilities of the Corps of Engineers for production of Urban Area studies. (Refer to NIS Committee Meetings Nos. 150 and 151, dated 12 May 1953 and 4 June 1953, respectively). The Army member indicated that he was not prepared to make a report, but expected to make one in the near future. It was agreed that the matter will be carried on the agenda until Army is in a position to make a definite reply.

9. NIS Requirements of Non-IAC Agencies

The Vice-Chairman announced receipt of a communication from the Psychological Strategy Board requesting approval of the continued dissemination to it of all NIS elements on the USSR (NIS 26) on standard distribution. PSB further requested that blanket authorization be granted for PSB to receive individual NIS elements on all other areas upon specific request. The position of the NIS Committee with respect to the latter has been requested by the IAC Secretariat.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the members would consult their respective agencies and report their views.

10. Dissemination of NIS Maps

With regard to the dissemination of NIS maps, the Vice-Chairman stated that in the past it has been the policy to withhold these maps until the Sections to which they pertained were published. Normally, the maps become available several weeks before the published Sections are disseminated. It has been proposed that these maps be furnished on specific request to authorized agencies prior to the publication date of the NIS Sections involved, since most such requests come from agencies which have participated in the production of the Section concerned.

|| The members approved this proposal and the Vice-Chairman will authorize CIA Geographic Division to disseminate NIS maps upon specific request by the agencies.

11. August Production

The Vice-Chairman announced that the production commitment for the month is 62 Sections, of which 25 Sections are overdue from previous months, and 37 Sections are scheduled for August. To date, one Section has been submitted to D/B.

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12. Use of NIS Outlines by Strategic Intelligence School

A request from the Strategic Intelligence School for authorization to reproduce NIS Outlines for instruction purposes was submitted by the Army member for Committee consideration.

Following discussion, the Committee approved the request with the provisions that the Outlines be classified "Restricted - Security Information", and that they be disassociated entirely from the NIS.

13. Graphics Register

The Vice-Chairman advised the members that the CIA Graphics Register has an extensive file of photographic material available to NIS contributors. He urged the members to notify their respective producing units of these facilities.

14. The next meeting will be held at the call of the Vice-Chairman.

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